



## **Media Advisory: The Findlay Floods and the Success of the Warning System**

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A new flood-warning system was put to the test during the recent flooding in Findlay, Ohio. It came through with flying colors, giving Findlay officials and emergency managers the real-time information they needed about the Blanchard River to help keep the community safe. Now, phase two of the warning system is up and running with interactive flood inundation maps on the web.

The Flood Warning-System is the first of its kind in Ohio and was created by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in cooperation with the City of Findlay and National Weather Service.

### **What:**

A press conference to hear remarks from city and government officials about the successful efforts put in place to help protect residents from floods in Findlay. See a demonstration of the new interactive flood inundation maps.

### **Who:**

Scott Jackson, USGS Hydrologic and Hydraulic Investigations Section Chief  
Matthew Whitehead, USGS Hydrologist, Project Chief and lead author of the report  
Brian Hurt, City of Findlay Chief Engineer  
Brian Astifan, National Weather Service, Senior Service Hydrologist

### **Where:**

Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center, Room 111  
3200 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio, 45840

### **When:**

Thursday, April 23, at 2:00 pm

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